

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation )  
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of the Educator Certificate of )  
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Sally E. Flinn, )  
 )  
Certificate 129732 )

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 12, 2005. On February 28, 2005, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension or revocation to Ms. Sally E. Flinn by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Flinn agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued to Ms. Flinn by the State Board, (2) the public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "test security violation," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Ms. Flinn.

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Sally E.  
Flinn  
129732

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Flinn holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over twenty-two years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Ms. Flinn was a seventh grade teacher at League Academy of Communication Arts in the Greenville County School District. During the May 2003 administration of PACT testing, Ms. Flinn provided students with assistance as to the meaning of certain words in test questions. Ms. Flinn retired at the conclusion of the 2002-03

school year, but continues to serve as a substitute teacher in the Greenville District.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for a Public Reprimand to be issued to Ms. Flinn. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

April 12, 2005

**I, Sally E. Flinn, SC Teaching Certificate 129732, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, April 12, 2005.**

/S/ Sally E. Flinn  
Signature

3/28/05  
Date